

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and on packet bulletin boards.

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Stay tuned for more detail on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is [www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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The news follows in detail

PLEASE JOIN THE PRESIDENT'S NET

The President's net will once again be on the air at 12:00 today 28 December 2003. Graham Hartlett, ZS6GJH, will be on the air from Knysna on 10 125 kHz, and we will attempt to relay the net around the country, depending on conditions and availability of relay stations.

The Council is looking for volunteers to assist with relaying the President's net from HF onto local repeaters all around the country. Please consider joining the team in 2004. Contact Peter Hers with email address [zs6phd@mweb.co.za](mailto:zs6phd@mweb.co.za) or phone him at 083 445 4634 for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

For Christians, Christmas has a deeply religious meaning, for many others it is a season of goodwill, a season of giving and a time for reflection of the past year

and as the old year turns into a brand new one, a time to turn away from the past and look towards the year ahead. To all of you I send a message of peace, goodwill and prosperity.

Reflecting on the year that is past I can't help seeing it as a turbulent year but at the same time as a year that has put the South African Radio League and indeed Amateur Radio on a firm footing for the future. Just for that we can congratulate ourselves and say thank you for the understanding and goodwill that made it happen.

As the year draws to a close we have been able to rejoin the International Amateur Radio Union. Thanks to the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust who took the fundraising initiative and started the fund with a R5000 donation. Thank you to all who have contributed to the initiative and have made it possible.

On the regulatory front the SARL has made great progress with the authorities in getting the modernisation of the Amateur Radio Licensing back on track. I am optimistic that new and expanded licences conditions will soon be a reality.

For the SARL to serve Amateur Radio to the fullest we need a strong representative membership base. We can only achieve that with the support of all radio amateurs in South Africa. We have made good progress but just need that extra boost. If you have not already joined the ranks, do it now. Give yourself that extra present and become a member, it will go a long way to ensure that Amateur Radio will prosper in South Africa and by example grow the esteem for the amateur radio service in the whole of Africa.

In this season of goodwill use Amateur Radio to the fullest to send messages of greetings and goodwill to South Africans and to the world. Enjoy the holiday break. Please drive carefully and be considerate.

Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

Graham Hartlett ZS6GJH President SARL

#### NOMINATIONS FOR SARL COUNCIL AND SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS FOR AGM

Nominations for candidates to serve of the Council of the SARL may be submitted until 5 January 2004. The nomination must be submitted in writing, duly signed by a proposer and seconder. A motivation, CV, must accompany each nomination, which gives details of the specific qualifications, abilities and membership of any related Amateur Radio organisations of their candidate and the candidate's name, call sign and address.

Each nomination must also be accompanied by a written statement signed by the candidate whereby he/she consents to serve as a member of Council if elected.

There is also still time for the submission of motions for the 2004 SARL Annual General Meeting to the League Secretary. The motions must be in writing in

the form in which it will be proposed at the AGM. Motions must be signed by a Proposer and by a Secunder.

All persons involved, candidates, proposers and seconders must be members of the SARL.

Nominations and motions must reach the League Secretary not later than the 5th of January 2004, there is thus still only one week left for those who have not yet given attention to these two important matters.

#### SPECIAL STATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF BLAAUWBERG

The Columbine Radio Club of the Western Cape will commemorate the Battle of Blaauwberg by operating a special event station in the Blaauwberg area of the Cape Peninsula from 18:00 CAT on Friday 2 January 2004 to 12:00 CAT on Sunday 4 January 2004.

The Battle of Blaauwberg was a key event during the second British occupation of the Cape and took place on 06 January 1806, on a hill overlooking Table Bay and Robben Island. The special event station will be located very close to the original battle site.

The special event call sign is ZS1BLO and single sideband will be the primary mode on the following frequencies: 1,835 MHz; 7,065 MHz; 14,165 MHz; 21,165 MHz; 28,465 MHz or lower, depending on QRM.

A special QSL card will be issued for ZS1BLO and may be obtained from the QSL manager at postal address: ZS1BLO, PO Box 180, Milnerton, 7435.

Further information on the Battle of Blaauwberg and the special event station is available on the Columbine Radio Club website [www.qsl.net/zs1crc](http://www.qsl.net/zs1crc).

#### HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR

The 33rd Annual Hunting Lions in the Air contest will be run over the weekend of 10 and 11 January 2004. The aim of this activity is to create and foster a spirit of international understanding and cooperation among radio amateurs and Lions through worldwide radio communication. The contest is to commemorate the birthday of the founder of Lionism, Melvin Jones, born at Ft. Thomas, Arizona USA on 13 January 1879. The rules can be found on the SARL web site at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za). Contact your local Lions Club now and make the necessary arrangements.

#### INTECNET 2004

The first INTECNET for 2004 will take place on Sunday 18 January with Thomas Abbott as the guest speaker. The subject under discussion will be antennas. Diarise this date now.

#### PEARS VHF/UHF CONTEST

The annual Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society's VHF/UHF contest will be run over the weekend of 23 to 25 January 2004. This 48 hour contest has been divided into two 24 hour segments, the first running from 18:00 CAT on Friday 23 January until 18:00 CAT on Saturday 24 January, the second segment starts at 18:01 CAT on 24 January and ends at 18:00 CAT on Sunday 25 January 2004.

The rules for this contest can be found in the Oct/Dec issue of Radio ZS or by visiting the SARL web site at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and clicking on the link.

#### PROJECT GOODWILL ALBANIA' DOUBLES NUMBER OF ZA AMATEURS (RSGB News)

There are now 39 new amateur radio licensees in Albania, doubling the number of amateurs in the country overnight, thanks to the 'Goodwill Albania Project', which has just come to a successful conclusion in Tirana, the Albanian capital.

Writing from Tirana on the 12th of December, the project organiser, Martti Laine, OH2BH, thanked everyone for their five-week effort and for the warm friendship that had affected him personally. Martti was awarded the 'Senior Fellow of the Polytechnic University of Tirana' honour at the graduation ceremony.

The newly established University of Tirana club station, ZA1UT, was presented with a donated FT-1000MP transceiver and a Quadra linear amplifier. Ulrich Weiss, DJ2YA, the chief facilitator, presented the most successful student with an FT-847 transceiver, and described the course as a highlight of his entire professional teaching career.

IARU Region 1 Chairman Ole Garpestadt, LA2RR, also attended the graduation ceremony, congratulated the new licensees and welcomed them to the bands,. While in Tirana, Ole has been negotiating with the Albanian authorities for the integration of Albania into the CEPT licence scheme. No one could have expected such a scenario 10 years ago, when Albania stood at the top of the 'Most Wanted Countries' lists all over the world!

#### EVENTS IN WHICH TO PARTICIPATE AND DUE DATES FOR THINGS TO DO

The President's net today 28 December at 12:00 primarily on 10,125 MHz and relays on as many repeaters as possible; The last day for submission of motions for the AGM as well as nominations for council members is approaching fast, it is 5 January 2004; The final date for renewal of membership of SARL, and to ensure that you retain voting rights, is 31 December, thus only four days left. 2 - 4 January 2004 Special Station ZS1BLO; 10 - 11 January 2004 - Hunting Lions on the Air; 18 January 2004 INTECNET; 23 - 25 January 2004 PEARS VHF/UHF Contest; 14 February 2004 SARL Kids Day.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban

145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz. ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

This bulletin was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS, and read by .....from..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL and thank you for having joined us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

This bulletin now comes to its end, but before we conclude, SARLNEWS wishes all members, listeners and subscribers a very Prosperous New Year. May 2004 be an outstandingly good year for you and your loved ones. May amateur radio also contribute to this experience.

Goodbye to all, till next year.

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